

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, February 17, 2005

(COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, February 17, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Arthur Blackwell, II **(ABS)**
Erminia Ramirez **(ABS)**
Jim Holley
Megan Norris
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Walter E. Shoulders
AC Walter Martin
Cmdr. Ralph Godbee
Cmdr. George Hall
Insp. Gail Wilson Turner
Lt. John Serda
Sgt. Romell Alexander
PO Leslie Washington
PO Michael Woody

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator

OTHERS PRESENT

Atty. John Goldpaugh, DPOA
Ron Scott
Ms. G. A. Walters
Ms. Alexander
Chessie Dumas

RECORDERS

Jerome Adams
Kellie Willaims

1. CALL TO ORDER

Comm. Norris called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:19 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Comm. Norris stated the Minutes for February 10, 2005, will be tabled until the next full meeting of the Board.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

There was no report from the chair.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

Exec. Dir. Goss stated today we were supposed to have arguments on behalf of Police Officer Nathaniel Pittman and since we don't have a quorum, we will not be bringing that up today.

Atty. Goldpaugh stated I am appearing on behalf of Officer Pittman. We have had some discussions, at this time it is my understanding that this matter will be set over until next week. At which time, hopefully there will be a quorum and we would be able to have the arguments. I suggested that if we don't have a quorum then there is a strong possibility we'd still place the arguments on the record.

Comm. Norris stated my understanding is that Officer Pittman has requested a closed session.

Atty. Goldpaugh stated that is correct.

Comm. Norris stated normally, even when we do not have a quorum, we do hear arguments, we do read the suspension in the record, and all of these kinds of things. And, the Commissioners who are not here have the benefit of the minutes, which are almost verbatim minutes and they can make their own decisions about the suspension. When an officer asks to go into closed

session, we don't have the benefit of those kinds of minutes. So, when we don't have four (4) Commissioners here, it is difficult to bring those Commissioners up to speed. So, hopefully next week we will have the remaining Commissioners and we will proceed.

ANNOUNCEMENT

On March 10, 2005, the First Precinct will hold their very first community meeting at the Brush Park Manor, located at 2900 Brush, Detroit, Michigan 48201 @ 6:30 p.m. Fliers are available

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	21	133
2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	27	147

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **44** cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **2** cases to the Chief's Office. The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned **0** cases to OCI.

5. REPORT/PRESENTATION – CHIEF OF POLICE

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

**REPORT TO THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

Vision Statement

BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and

value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

During the period of February 8th–15th, the *Narcotics Enforcement and Conspiracy Units* conducted 31 search warrants and 30 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- ◆ 31 Felony arrests
 - ◆ 210 Misdemeanor arrests
 - ◆ 9 Juveniles detained
 - ◆ 4,792.5 Grams of cocaine, 1,503.3 grams of heroin, and 291,054.1 grams of marijuana - street value \$4,283,856.00
 - ◆ \$109,963.00 U.S. currency
- Confiscated:
- ◆ 8 Handguns

The Violent Crimes Task Force

On February 11th, officers of the Violent Crimes Task Force received information on a man attempting to sell a Tech-9 semiautomatic weapon. The Task Force set up surveillance and developed further information that the man was attempting to establish a gun trafficking ring within the city of Detroit. Subsequent to further investigation the man was arrested and is currently being charged in the federal court system for "Felon in Possession." Confiscated was one (1) Tech-9 semiautomatic weapon.

The Financial Response Team

On February 4th, officers of the Financial Response Team reported the closure of two (2) Armed Bank Robberies and three (3) Attempted Bank Robbery cases. Beginning in September of 2004, a rash of Bank Robberies began to spring up within the boundaries of the city of Detroit. A man would pull up to the drive-thru window and place a bomb device and a note demanding money into the tray. Fortunately, the devices used, lacked the key element to cause them to explode, therefore, no citizens were injured. During the month of October, 2004 a man attempted to rob a bank in nearby Madison Heights, after a brief foot chase the man was arrested. In a combined effort with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and the Detroit Police Department the man was identified in all five (5) related cases. The man is currently being prosecuted on multiple federal charges for "Bank Robbery."

Police/Community Intervention



TAKING THE GUNS OFF THE STREET !



Total Guns Confiscated
Year-To-Date
413

FIRST PRECINCT

On February 8th officers of the 1st Precinct responded to the 1500 block of First St. on a "Man Stabbed in the Back" run. An investigation resulted in one man being arrested for "Felony Assault" and "Habitual 2nd offense."

SECOND PRECINCT

On February 10th officers of the 2nd Precinct responded to the area of Wyoming and Chicago on an "Attempted Armed Robbery" run. Subsequent to an investigation two (2) juveniles were detained for "Attempted Armed Robbery."

FIFTH PRECINCT

On February 10th, officers from the 5th Precinct, while on patrol in the area of Houston Whittier and Hayes, observed a man traveling North on Houston Whittier at a high rate of speed. The officers initiated a traffic stop and as the result of an investigation a man was arrested for "Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle."

SEVENTH PRECINCT

On February 9th, officers of the 7th Precinct received information on a robbery that occurred at Bank One in the 7400 block of Gratiot. An examination of the bank surveillance cameras gave the officers the advantage needed to identify the man. Subsequent to an investigation the man was arrested for "Bank Robbery."

TENTH PRECINCT

On February 10th, officers of the 10th Precinct responded to the 13000 block of LaSalle on a "Stabbing" run. Officers were able to obtain the identity and location of the man wanted for the stabbing. As a result of their investigation, the man was arrested without incident.

TWELFTH PRECINCT

On February 8th, officers of the 12th Precinct, while on patrol in the area of Chalfonte and Dexter, observed a green 2003 Dodge traveling South on Dexter at a high rate of speed. The officers initiated a traffic stop and after a brief foot chase, three (3) juveniles were detained for "Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle."

POLICE COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

On February 7th, the Police Community Services Unit started the first, Spanish Speaking Citizen Police Academy. This academy informs Spanish speaking residents of Detroit about the Department's goals, objectives and visions. The innovative classes included in the eight weeks of instruction are designed to increase knowledge about the infrastructure of the department, and how each section affects the community.

Chief of Police Ella M. Bully-Cummings

6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 24, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

8. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Alexander stated her seventeen (17) year-old son was physically assaulted on a DOT bus while he was going to school. She asked what is the proper protocol for identifying the person that assaulted my son?

Comm. Norris she asked Ms. Alexander to speak with I.C.I Sheard after the meeting to address her concerns.

Chief Bully-Cummings she asked Cmdr. Hall if he could address Ms. Alexander's concerns.

Cmdr. Hall stated we have a unit in the police department that is specifically to riding the buses and ensuring that passengers are safely transported throughout the city. I will take the information from Ms. Alexander and attempt to correct the problem.

Chessie Dumas stated he did not know there was an ordinance that prohibits semi trucks or vehicles of that type from being parked on the street. He also made a complaint regarding the demeanor of an officer who came to his home about his semi truck being parked on the street.

Comm. Norris she asked Mr. Dumas to speak with I.C.I Sheard after the meeting to address his concerns.

Ron Scott voiced his concerns in regards to shootings that occurred this week that involved citizens and police officers. We would like to find ways for officers and citizens to resolve their issues. He also stated we will also send Mr. Goss the parameters for the initiation of the Citizens Committee and we would also like to welcome the involvement and suggestions of the Chief.

Ms. Walters stated there is a lack of communication in this community.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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